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NOT VOTING-17

Fletcher Akin Bradley (NH) Gephardt Brown (OH) Gutierrez McCollum Cannon Case McCotter English Miller (NC)

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Moran (VA)

Napolitano

Neal (MA)

Moore

Murtha

Nadler

Thompson (MS) Van Hollen Velazguez Visclosky

Waters

Watson

Weiner

Wexler

Woolsey

Wolf

Wu

Wynn

Watt

Pearce Sanchez, Linda Т. Stupak Waxman Whitfield

Burr

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1857

Mr. HOUGHTON changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the conference report was agreed

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPUDIATING ANTI-SEMITIC SEN-TIMENTS EXPRESSED BY MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 409.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 409, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, answered "present" 1, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 593]

YEAS-411 Burton (IN) Abercrombie Diaz-Balart, L Ackerman Diaz-Balart, M. Buyer Aderholt Calvert Dicks Alexander Camp Dingell Andrews Doggett Cantor Baca Capito Dooley (CA) Bachus Capps Doolittle Baird Capuano Doyle Baker Cardin Baldwin Cardoza Duncan Ballance Carson (IN) Dunn Ballenger Carson (OK) Edwards Barrett (SC) Carter Ehlers Bartlett (MD) Castle Emanuel Barton (TX) Chabot Emerson Bass Chocola Engel Beauprez English Clay Eshoo Becerra Clyburn Bell Etheridge Coble Evans Bereuter Cole Berkley Collins Everett Berry Convers Farr Biggert Cooper Feeney Bilirakis Costello Ferguson Bishop (GA) Filner Cox Bishop (NY) Cramer Flake Bishop (UT) Crane Foley Blackburn Crenshaw Forbes Blumenauer Crowley Ford Blunt Cubin Fossella Culberson Boehlert Frank (MA) Franks (AZ) Boehner Cummings Bonilla Cunningham Frelinghuysen Bonner Davis (AL) Frost Bono Davis (CA) Gallegly Davis (FL) Garrett (N.J) Boozman Boswell Davis (IL) Gerlach Boucher Davis (TN) Gibbons Bovd Davis, Jo Ann Gilchrest Brady (PA) Davis, Tom Gillmor Brady (TX) Deal (GA) Gingrey Brown (SC) DeFazio Gonzalez Brown, Corrine DeGette Goode Brown-Waite, Delahunt Goodlatte DeLauro Gordon Ginny Burgess DeLay Goss Burns DeMint Granger

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Ros-Lehtinen ANSWERED "PRESENT"-1

Rohrabacher

Paul

Lucas (OK)

Lynch

Majette

NOT VOTING-22

Young (FL)

Brown (OH) Fletcher Akin Gephardt Allen Cannon Berman Bradley (NH) Case Fattah Gutierrez Hinchey

McCollum McCotter Miller (NC) Pearce Sanchez, Linda T. Slaughter Stupak Waxman Whitfield Young (AK)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1904

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted on rollcall Nos. 591 "aye"; 592 "no"; 593 "aye".

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report for H.R. 2115.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2691, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-PRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 418, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2691) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 418, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of October 28, 2003, at page H9898.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we bring to the House the conference agreement on H.R. 2691, the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2004.

Let me take a moment to thank the members of the Interior subcommittees for their support and guidance this year. I want to especially and personally thank the ranking minority member, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS), for the extraordinary assistance that he has given in helping us to shape this bill.

This conference report balances many competing needs and stays within the 302(b) allocation for budget authority and outlays. It is fiscally responsible, providing \$19.6 billion for our public lands, Indian programs, and critical science and energy research programs, and for cultural institutions like the Smithsonian Institution. It also provides \$400 million as requested by the administration to repay partial funds borrowed from the program accounts to pay fire suppression. Also, another \$289 million for wild fires and I will talk about that again.

You may hear that we are not doing enough for conservation programs in this bill. I disagree. Given the constraints allocated, we have provided over \$1 billion for programs in the conservation spending category. But more to the point, there are a number of critically important conservation programs in this bill that have never been included in the conservation spending category, but are equally important. We provide increases of \$65 million for national parks, \$47 million for national wildlife refuges, \$27 million for forest health, \$10 million for hazardous fuel reduction. And I would like to argue that most of the funding of this bill is for conservation activities.

Some Members will argue that we need to buy a lot more Federal land. What we really need to do is a better job of taking care of the lands we have, and this bill does that by providing additional operation increases and funds for critically backlogged maintenance activities.

Firefighting needs are addressed in this bill as I mentioned before, \$400 million in the President's requested amount and another \$289 million above

the enacted level for suppressing the wild fires. That is almost \$700 million for the fire programs. We continue to provide support for the national fire plan with the investment of \$2.5 billion. We support preparedness activities so that we have the people and the equipment in place to handle wild fires. We provide funding increases for hazardous fuel reduction, State fire assistance and forest health programs. And with the passage of that bill, I think we can stop many of the fires that we will have to contend with this past year.

We have provided substantial new resources to handle the Southern pine beetle and mountain pine beetle outbreaks in the West. I am proud of the balance we have achieved in these critical programs that are important to all Americans.

The bill ensures that energy research programs are appropriately funded and that we maintain a proper mix between research on improvements to existing technologies and longer-term higher risk on new technologies. We need to keep all of our options open and not fall into the trap of picking winners and losers.

When it comes to energy resources, ultimately the consumer, not the government, will determine what energy technologies will be successful in the marketplace.

The bill provides for the continued crux of critically needed schools and hospitals for American Indians and Alaskan natives. It also includes a 1-year limitation of funds for historical accounting.

The September 25, 2003, court order would require the Department of the Interior to spend an estimated \$9 billion for an accounting that benefits attorneys and accountants. This subcommittee has maintained that this lawsuit continues to divert scarce resources away from critical programs that benefit Indian people and other programs in the bill. If we were to fund this court-required historical accounting, we would have to shut down onethird of the U.S. Department of the Interior. We would critically underfund education for Indians and health care for Indians. This is not worth the recommendation of the accountants and lawvers.

Finally, the bill takes care of our cultural agencies and provides the funding needed to ensure that the Smithsonian Institute maintains its responsibility for providing quality visitor services and world-renowned research. It provides increases above the enacted level for the National Gallery of Art and for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Humanities. The conference agreement for the interior and related agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2004 strikes an appropriate balance among competing funds needs, and I ask for support for this bill.